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## DETAILED ACTION

It is noted for the record that a new Examiner has been assigned to this case. Any future correspondence regarding this case should be directed to the Examiner listed below.

## Response to Amendment

MPEP 714.04 states:

"An amendment failing to point out the patentable novelty which the applicant believes the claims present in view of the state of the art disclosed by the references cited or the objections made may be held to be not fully responsive and a time period set to furnish a proper reply if the statutory period has expired or almost expired (MPEP § 714.03)."

The reply filed on 12 October 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Applicant has failed to provide any arguments that point out the patentable novelty in the currently filed response that comply with 37 CFR 1.111(c), especially in view of the lengthy prosecution history. In other words, it is not clear as to what limitations of the claims are not taught in the prior art. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to

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avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a).

## Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-3918. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley, can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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